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#### HOCKEY SPLITS:

Falcons split weekend against Michigan State with one loss, one win;  
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**CHECK IT OUT:** Holly Knotts looks at FLARR Department display on digital photography at the Research Poster Fair on Friday.

## Jackson: Get involved

Lack of involvement by black males the focus of series finale.

By Kara Hull  
NEWS EDITOR

Napoleon Bradford had hoped to pack the Union's 276-capacity Theater last night. But the numbers for the last in a discussion series aimed at reaching black males on campus stayed small, with just under a dozen students attending.

Low attendance at the previous sessions of the eight-week series is indicative of the challenges facing black males at the University to get involved, said Bradford, executive director of Project Excellence — a tutoring and mentoring program that pairs at risk 3rd through 12th grade students from Toledo with

University students — that helped sponsor the event.

The series, titled "For Brothers Only: Coming Together for the Purpose of Becoming Men," drew 15-20 students each week, Bradford said. The Black Intellectuals Group and Student African American Brotherhood also sponsored the event.

But the students that did participate, Bradford said, are those who will take the discussions to heart and can already be seen acting as movers and shakers on campus.

"We've had an intimate opportunity to have a dialogue with concerned people, a group of people who really will do more than just talk about the problems," Bradford said. "So many times since I've been [at the University] over the last four years

that we've had these [type of] workshops ... and the common denominator in all these programs is that they're one day events that never do more than that, they never follow up."

Last night's talk, featuring guest speaker James Jackson, multicultural adviser and coordinator of diversity education and programs, was aimed at moving beyond discussion and into action.

"I think the most important thing for us is, basically, to put out money where our mouth is," Jackson said. "You're going to graduate...eventually you're going to leave. And my question though is what are you going to leave? How are you going to make Bowling Green better than when you got here?"

But getting involved should be more than just adding another



JAMES JACKSON

line to a resume, Jackson said. Students should look to the future to help younger black male students see that they can reach

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## Bringing out the Best

Musicians vie for spot in Philharmonia orchestra.

By Bob Moser  
COPY CHIEF

Beginning today, over 100 University student musicians will begin competing throughout the week for an opportunity to perform with the Philharmonia, BGSU's student orchestra.

Now in its 38th year, the BGSU Competitions in Music Performance will award two graduate and undergraduate students with featured positions in the student orchestra this February.

To play with a full orchestra is an opportunity that most music students are rarely offered, and according to University senior Jonathan Kampfe, it could open up future career opportunities.

"I've never had the opportunity to play with an orchestra before," Kampfe said. "It's an honor, and it may help me in approaching future auditions."

Over the course of the week musicians will progress through preliminary rounds by performing a major solo composition from memory before a panel of judges. By the end of the week 20 students will be selected for the semi-finals on Saturday morning.

Four undergraduate and four graduate students will then be selected to move on to the finals, which will be held on Saturday night at 8 p.m. in Kobacker Hall.

The semi-finalists and eventual winners have been split into graduate and undergraduate divisions to keep the competition fair, according to Richard Kennell, dean of the College of Musical Arts.

"It's a matter of maturation," Kennell said. "If we left it to just the top eight overall, graduates would most likely win because of their experience."

Musician Ken Wendt, senior, believes that an annual competition like this — requiring pieces performed by memory — helps to bring out the very best musical talent at the University.

"It brings out more musician-ship because you aren't reading it," Wendt said. "Like when listening to someone telling a story, it means a lot more when they can recall it from memory, rather than reading from a book."

Senior violinist Aaron Jacobs said that even with pressure from other classes and final exams two weeks away, those competing practice long and hard to prepare for their solo in front of the judges.

"I'd say that three hours [of practice] per day is my goal," Jacobs said. "I'd really like to do as best as I can to show how hard I've worked."

David Babich, a junior and saxophonist, believes that competitions like these help shine a light on traditionally underrepresented talents that can emerge from the University.

"This totally let's people know there are talents on campus other than hockey or football," Babich said. "Some of these people competing will be professors some day, and this is just the beginning for them."

An interesting part of Saturday night's final round will be the chance for audience members to reward their favorite finalists with a \$500 scholarship prize. Those in attendance will be given paper ballots to rank the performances of both the graduate and undergraduate finalists, with awards going to those who receive the most

### TO HEAR THE TUNES...

**WHAT:** Student Musician Competition for Philharmonia

**WHEN:** Preliminaries: Mon - Thur, Semifinals/Finals: Saturday

**WHERE:** Kobacker Hall

votes from each division.

Flute player Blake Bard, sophomore, appreciates the different aspect of performance that a voting audience may focus on, as opposed to the panel of judges who choose the four invited to Philharmonia.

"I think that showmanship is the most important aspect of performance overlooked by judges," Bard said. "That is also not necessarily taught."

Jacobs agrees that an audience's differing opinion would be much appreciated by the performers.

"The judges are looking for perfection, accuracy and clarity," Jacobs said, "while audience may be affected by what the performer does on stage. That may not necessarily have to do with precision as much as the communication of their music."

While only four student-musicians will ultimately be invited to perform with the Philharmonia, Kennell said all who participate throughout this week should be congratulated.

"This [competition] should be a celebration of student success," Kennell said. "All those who compete are winners."

Attendance will be free and open to the public for both the preliminary rounds throughout this week, as well as the final competition on Saturday night. All performances will be held in Kobacker Hall of the Moore Musical Arts Center.

## BG native fights off brain tumor

By Carrie Whitaker  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Rare health problems are nothing new for ice skating Olympic Gold Medalist and Bowling Green native Scott Hamilton, who will undergo high-tech radiation therapy for a non-cancerous brain tumor later this month.

"Needless to say, Scott is no stranger to adversity and has always faced every challenge in his life with great enthusiasm and an uncommon level of optimism," Hamilton's long-time publicist, Michael Sterling, said in an interview with the Associated Press.

Hamilton, who helped donate \$3 million to the University in April 2004, fought and won a battle with testicular cancer in 1997.

He plans to be treated at the Cleveland Clinic, the same clinic he had chosen seven years ago.

"Scott's spirit and confidence in Dr. Barnett, his staff and the treatment remain very high," Sterling said.

Once there he will undergo "gamma knife" treatment, an uninvasive, outpatient treatment where pinpointed doses

of high radiation are delivered to kill the tumor, while causing less damage to healthy tissue.

Results for the single-visit procedure can take several months.

As a child, Hamilton had a mysterious illness that kept him from growing. After factoring out cystic fibrosis and Schwachmann's syndrome, doctors could only decide that his body didn't absorb nutrients from the food he was eating.

But strangely, Hamilton did not need medicine. Once he began ice skating he started growing — a phenomenon that stumped doctors. No links have been made to the mysterious illness and cancer.

Hamilton is a four-time U.S. champion, four-time world champion and the 1984 Olympic gold medalist in figure skating. He was adopted by the late University professors Ernest and Dorothy Hamilton.

Hamilton visited the campus last year to speak at a day-long seminar for business and finance majors when he also presented the University with a \$3 million check alongside Bowling Green alumnus and co-founder of Fox Sports Grill, William Dallas.

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### BRIEFING

#### Yolanda King to visit University in January

The University has announced that Yolanda King, daughter of Martin Luther King Jr., will address the University on January 27 at 7 p.m. in the

Lenhart Grand Ballroom of the Bowen Thompson Student Union.

King's appearance will celebrate the legacy of her father. It will be sponsored by the Office of the President, Office of the Provost and the Martin Luther King Jr. Legacy Committee. The event will be free and open to the public.

For more information, contact Heather Bishara at 372-2343.

## Coach Gregg Brandon STAYS at BGSU

Read our editorial on Brandon's loyalty to the University. PAGE 4



### FOUR-DAY FORECAST

The four-day forecast is taken from weather.com

#### TUESDAY



Rain High: 53° Low: 34°

#### WEDNESDAY



Partly Cloudy High: 44° Low: 31°

#### THURSDAY



Showers High: 47° Low: 38°

#### FRIDAY



Showers High: 48° Low: 30°

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# Lawmakers predict intel. bill passes

By Jennifer C. Kerr  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — If House GOP leaders would allow a vote on post-Sept. 11 legislation overhauling the nation's intelligence community, it would easily pass, lawmakers on both sides of the aisle predicted yesterday.

A top Republican scolded opponents who worry the Pentagon would lose some of its authority, saying national security is far more important than turf battles. "There was a global intelligence failure. We can't have a status quo. We've got to change that," said Sen. Pat Roberts, chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee.

The Republican-controlled House will return today to decide whether lawmakers should vote on a House-Senate compromise to create a national intelligence director position to coordinate the nation's spy agencies and enact other anti-terror measures. If the House passes the bill, the Senate will return to do the same.

House Speaker Dennis Hastert decided not to allow a vote on the legislation last month after two powerful committee chairmen, GOP Reps. Duncan Hunter of California and James Sensenbrenner of Wisconsin, objected.

One of the main issues is how much authority the Pentagon will retain over intelligence agencies that it now controls. The bill

attempts to give a central authority more control, but Hunter and others want to preserve more of the Pentagon's power.

Still, with the help of Democrats, there are enough Republican votes to push the measure through the House, several lawmakers said. Some argue that President Bush needs to be working harder to push the legislation through.

"Every day we delay our country is less safe," House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi of California said on "Fox New Sunday."

"Speaker Hastert knows that. The president knows that. They just haven't convinced all of the Republicans."

Even Republicans said the bill could pass despite opposition from GOP holdouts. "I hope we can change their minds," said Roberts, R-Kan. "If it came to a vote, it would pass the House."

Roberts supports the bill and said opponents allied with the Pentagon should put national security first.

"They have to understand something, the primary user of intelligence is not the military. ... It is the president of the United States and the National Security Council and it is the Congress of the United States," he said on CBS' "Face the Nation."

Hunter, who heads the House Armed Services Committee, has expressed concerns the intelligence realignment could interfere with the military's

chain of command. He wants the bill to ensure that the Defense Department retains direct control over the agencies that operate the nation's spy satellites and analyze that information for troops on the battlefield. The bill's supporters say it would not interfere with those operations.

Sensenbrenner, chairman of the Judiciary Committee, wants the bill to address illegal immigration and what he sees as loopholes in the system.

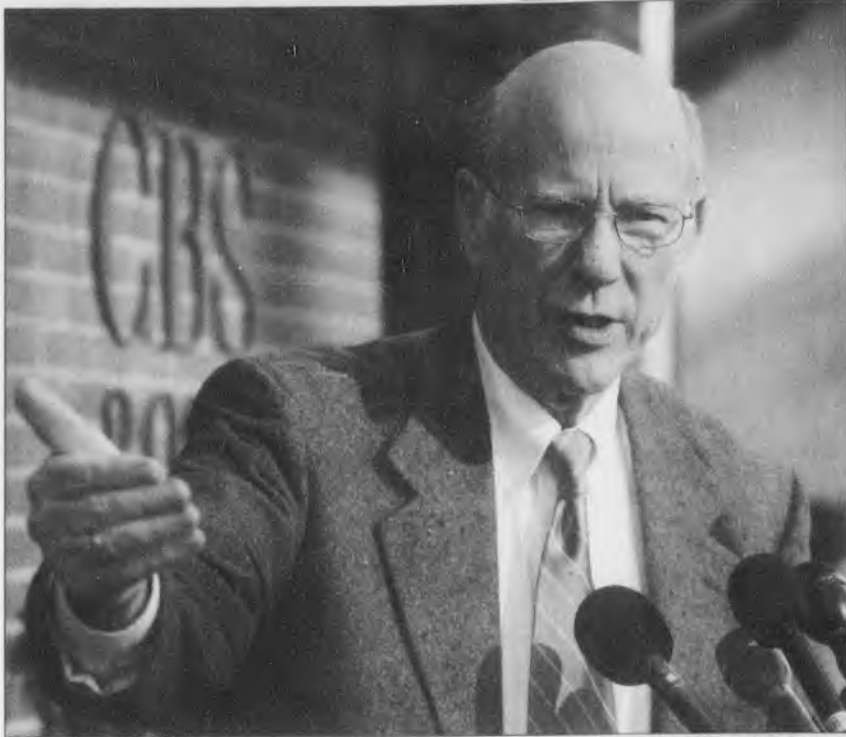
Bush, Republican leaders on Capitol Hill and the members of the Sept. 11 commission have all endorsed the intelligence bill. Bush telephoned House and Senate lawmakers and used his radio address over the weekend to press Congress to pass the bill.

"The legislation I support preserves the existing chain of command and leaves America's 15 intelligence agencies, organizations and offices in their current departments," Bush said in his Saturday radio address.

Despite his efforts, some Democrats say the president has not lobbied members of his own party hard enough. The White House has said Bush plans to send a letter to Capitol Hill, though he hasn't done it yet.

"The president, who controls both houses of Congress, should use his power," incoming Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid of Nevada told NBC's "Meet the Press."

The president "said he has power,



Manuel Balce Ceneta AP Photo

**SPEAKING:** Sen. Pat Roberts, R-Kan., chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee speaks to the press as he leaves CBS studio's after speaking at a talk show yesterday.

he has a mandate — let him pull a few bucks out of that pocket, that mandate, and give it to the House and Senate and say, 'Here's part of my mandate. I want this

legislation to pass,'" Reid said.

If lawmakers fail to pass an overhaul this year, they'll have to start from scratch next year. With the new Congress in January,

bills that failed to pass in the current session expire and new lawmakers and committee leaders would have to consider any new legislation.

## Black males the focus of discussion, lack of involvement questioned

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beyond their circumstances, he said.

"Besides taking care of yourself ... what are you doing to help the next man behind you or the man sitting next to you?" Jackson said. "We are not incapable. You look throughout history and you look at any academic endeavor, you look at the foundations of math and science and you see people who look like us."

BGSU isn't alone in the challenges it faces getting black males unhooked from video games and into leadership roles as focused students with high GPAs, Jackson said.

So he still has to ask—why?

"Why are we the ones who are at risk? Why are we the ones who sometimes live up to those stereotypes that are out there?" Jackson said. "Why are we the ones who sometimes stereotype

ourselves? Why is it that when it comes to writing lyrics, coming up with a phat beat, throwing a ball, catching a ball, we can excel? But then when it comes to school work ... all of a sudden it's like holy water to a vampire—we can't do it. I don't believe that we can't."

For senior Duane Hawkins, president of Phi Beta Sigma — a historically black fraternity on campus — the message of the

series hits home with the struggles he and others face in getting guys to come to the events they plan. Hawkins is also the service chair for the newly-created BGSU chapter of SAAB.

"There's a lot of organizations on campus, but there's a need to get the black male population involved on campus," he said. "All you can do is put on quality programs. It's sticking your hand in and hoping for the best."

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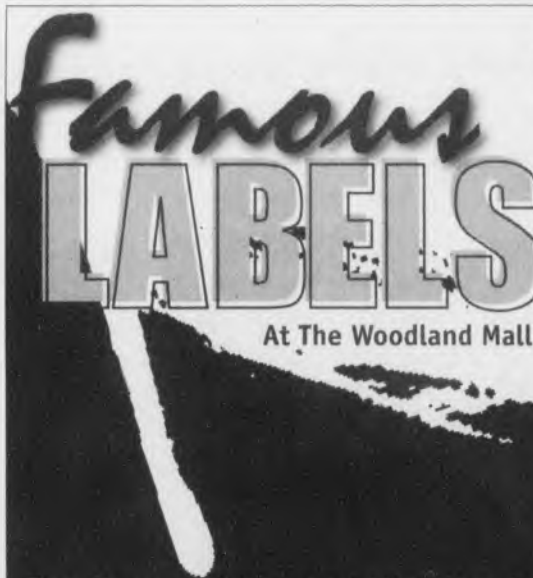
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# CAMPUS

## get a life

The calendar of events is taken from  
http://events.bgsu.edu/

**9 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

Holiday Stocking Raffle  
Sponsored by the Friends of the  
Wood County Humane Society  
Union Lobby

**10 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

Pet Stocking Sale  
The Pre-Veterinary Medical  
Assoc will be selling pet  
stockings for \$2 for the holidays.  
Each stocking will be filled with cat  
or dog treats and a portion of the  
sales will be given to a local  
humane shelter.  
Union Lobby

**10 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

Food/Toy Drive, Sponsored  
by Alpha Kappa Alpha.  
Alpha Kappa Alpha will be  
collecting food and toys and  
will also have information on Health  
Awareness Day  
Union Lobby

**10 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

Phi Beta Sigma Raffle  
Phi Beta Sigma will be raffling off  
cash prizes, a DVD player, and gift  
certificates with proceeds going to  
the March of Dimes  
Union Lobby

**10 a.m. - 6 p.m.**

"Natures Apprentice"  
Works by David Spasic  
Union Galleries

**11 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

Ballroom Mass Information  
Table, Sponsored by Catholic  
Newman Club  
Union Lobby

**11 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

Finals Week Survival Kits  
SAA will distribute Finals Week  
Survival Kits to off-campus  
students who have had one  
purchased for them.  
Union Lobby

**11 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

Life Flight Fundraiser,  
Sponsored by Dance Marathon  
Union Lobby

**Noon - 3 p.m.**

UPS Recruitment,  
Sponsored by the Career Center  
Union Lobby

**Noon - 3 p.m.**

Toledo Zoo Ticket Sales.  
This is a fundraiser for Dance  
Marathon  
Union Lobby

**Noon - 1 p.m.**

Caring for Yourself While  
Caring for Others  
All who work at BGSU are caring for  
others. Women are often expected  
to be the primary caregivers at  
home and at work. Although the  
examples are limitless, this group  
is for you if you care about BGSU  
students, if you are doing extra  
while others are in Iraq, if you care  
for an animal, if you have children  
or elderly parents (or both), if you  
care for yourself....  
Women's Center, 108A  
Hanna Hall

**4 p.m.**

Concerto Preliminaries  
Event is free and open to the public.  
Kobacker Hall, Moore  
Musical Arts Center

**5 - 7 p.m.**

Finals Week Survival Kits  
SAA will distribute Finals Week  
Survival Kits to off-campus  
students who have had one  
purchased for them.  
Union Lobby

**5:30 - 6:30 p.m.**

Learning to Relax,  
A variety of hands-on prac  
tice relaxation techniques.  
Counseling Center

**6 - 7:30 p.m.**

Catholic Newman Club  
Weekly Meeting  
Catholic Newman Club is an official  
student led BGSU organization  
open to all students and other  
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The mission of Catholic Newman  
Club is to empower our members  
and others towards spiritual and  
intellectual growth.  
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Ave. Fire Side Lounge

**6:30 - 10 p.m.**

Lysistrata Auditions  
Auditions for the Newcomer Show,  
Lysistrata. This must be your first  
year to the BGSU campus. Please  
sign up for a 45 minute time  
slot on the audition call board  
outside of 338 South Hall. You will  
be in groups of nine and will do  
some group improv and possibly  
cold readings. It is to your best  
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and these can be checked out of  
338 South Hall for 24 hours.  
Joe E. Brown Theatre (1st  
Floor University Hall)

## CURLING



Julie DiFranco - BG News

**STONE'S THROW:** Mary Ott from Eastern Michigan watches her shot during the College Curling USA regional tournament held in the Ice Arena over the weekend, which EMU won. The tournament featured 11 teams from seven colleges in Ohio and Michigan, including three teams from BG.

## Employers rate useful job qualities

By Teresa M. McAllevy  
KRT CAMPUS

We all hear that to be successful  
career-wise, college is a must.

But there's new evidence  
suggesting a real disconnect  
between what bosses want  
in their employees and what  
schools are doing to prepare  
tomorrow's job candidates.

The National Association  
of Colleges and Employers,  
in its fall journal, published  
data on the topic by  
researchers from Michigan  
State University.

The college administrators

surveyed rated ethics, integ-  
rity and knowledge as "very  
important" to develop in  
students. Employers gave  
the same ratings for ethics  
and integrity, but they rank  
leadership, perseverance,  
interpersonal skills,  
adaptability and life skills as  
"very important."

NACE, a non-profit  
organization, serves both  
employers and those at colleges  
who are guiding students into  
the job market.

"Our job is to connect the  
two," says Pattie Giordani,

associate editor for NACE.  
"The good news is there used  
to pretty much be emphasis on  
traditional academic  
goals, instead of things like  
communication and adapt-  
ability, which I'm seeing taught  
more and more," Giordani  
says.

"There is some disparity,  
but I do think there's less of a  
disconnect than in the past,"  
Giordani says.

For the Michigan State study,  
Giordani says "findings such  
as this spur more interest in  
the subject and will get our  
members talking to  
each other."



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## QUOTE/UNQUOTE

"Whatever the story, I had only one objective: to get it right."

Longtime "NBC Nightly News" anchor Tom Brokaw, in his final broadcast last Wednesday.

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## OPINION

## STAFF EDITORIAL

## Hoping for Brandon to stay loyal

Although Bowling Green State University is used to our head football coach leaving for another college, we hope coach Gregg Brandon will stay put during a time when coaches tend not to stick around.

Brandon interviewed for the head coach position of the University of Nevada-Las Vegas (UNLV) Thursday. The Toledo Blade reported he was "flattered" to be noticed by other colleges, but later he pulled out of the

competition for the job.

We want to say we are impressed with Brandon and very grateful that he did not decide to leave us all wondering — weeks before a bowl game — will he be leaving us too?

If you look at the salary factor, you may be more impressed with Brandon. He currently makes \$130,000 plus some perks and incentives, but the head coach at UNLV makes \$600,000. And that makes it a little more complicated.

Former coach Urban Meyer, was not so good on his word. At the end of the 2002 football season, Meyer told the media he wasn't interested in other coaching jobs. Days later, he bolted for the University of Utah.

Meyer's success at Utah (12-0, ranked number five nationally in the Associated Press poll) made him a coveted head coach, and last week he opted out of his contract at Utah to coach at the University of Florida.

Counting next year, Meyer will

have coached for three places in a span of 5 years.

It's sad to see the relationships between universities and head football coaches seem to resemble one-night stands.

What happened to loyalty? It is disheartening to see the concept of loyalty run thin in today's sports world. It sounds like loyalty may be a trait Brandon holds dear — at least we hope so.

We want Coach Brandon to stay at the helm for a long and successful period of time, and

that Athletic Director Paul Krebs feels the same way — e.g., not canning him after a five- or six-win season, like David Cutcliffe of University of Mississippi.

However, other college football programs love Brandon's success, not just UNLV. In fact, now that Meyer left for Florida, Utah is again on the prowl for a new head coach. In Utah's campus newspaper, Joe Beatty writes in the Daily Utah Chronicle that Coach Brandon "would be the best long-term fit" at Utah, given

the candidates.

While Brandon hasn't been contacted by Utah, Brandon is from Colorado and may consider a head coaching job closer to home.

Were Brandon to leave (especially for Utah), we would most likely give up hope entirely in terms of loyalty in college football. Like a lovelorn teenager, we would probably hold on for dear life to our next head coach and get jealous any time another school had a crush on him.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Guest column on religion had several errors

The guest column in Thursday's paper written by John Belsuka on the "Ten Commandments and law" was highly erroneous. I feel that he has no right to criticize the faults in another person's column without seeing the errors in his own.

The first error he made was claiming that "polytheistic religions no longer exist." On the contrary, aside from Judaism, Christianity and Islam, most religions are polytheistic. Hinduism, Shintoism and many African tribal religions are all polytheistic, just to name a few. Such a blatant mistake only serves to illustrate the ignorance

many Americans present when it comes to beliefs other than their own.

Belsuka also stated that only "0.2 percent" of the US population is atheistic. I don't know where that statistic came from, but I thought the number looked shockingly low, so I did a little research on the subject.

According to the 2002 CIA World Fact Book, 10 percent of Americans claim to have no religion.

As for the Belsuka's declaration that "in any truly democratic society," the first commandment would become a law, it makes no sense in regards to our country's government policies.

Let me give a bit of information on American democracy. According to the First Amendment of our Constitution, our government is to be separate from all religious

matters. Separation of church and state is one of the legislative features that separates America from most of the world.

Therefore, in a "true" democratic society, this most certainly would not be made into a law.

Finally, it is unreasonable to attribute laws against dishonesty, murder and theft to Christian doctrine. Such laws were upheld long before the birth of Christ.

If any claim is to be made, perhaps it should be that the Ten Commandments were modeled after laws previously enforced by society.

I am saddened that people who care enough to voice their opinions publicly in a university newspaper do not care enough to do the research to back up their claims.

KRISTIN MCCORMICK  
STUDENT

## PEOPLE ON THE STREET

If you could coach football at any college, where would it be and why?



FRANCIS LYER  
JUNIOR,  
POLITICAL SCIENCE  
"Yale, because the girls are ... 'nice.'"



HUNTER BROWN  
SENIOR,  
CRIMINAL JUSTICE

"BG, because townies are awesome."



AARON ALT  
SOPHOMORE,  
SPECIAL EDUCATION  
"San Jose State, so I can take their program to the top."



ANDREW THARP  
SOPHOMORE,  
CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
"Heidelberg, because I can give them the inspiration they've been looking for."

## Giving spirit gives holidays meaning

AT ISSUE: The decorative aspect of Christmas can cloud the true meaning of the holiday spirit.

This past week the Christmas tree in Rockefeller center was lit to "officially" kick off the Christmas Season. The traditions, the food, the lights, and the trees make me think it's beginning to look a lot like Christmas.

But what is Christmas all about?

To me Christmas is all about giving.

Over the Thanksgiving break I am sure a good chunk of us were out shopping on the day after Thanksgiving, hitting the phenomenal sales. We were trying to figure out what we were going to get grandmas, moms, dads, and those special someones for Christmas.

Our society takes a holiday with a lot of meaning and makes it very commercialized.

Now do not take this the wrong way: I am all for getting gifts for family and friends and giving them to people who are special in our lives. But so many times it is about the gift and not about the reason why we give the gift.

The holidays are so busy and full of hustle and bustle that it is very easy to lose sight of what this whole thing is about.

When I was home over Thanksgiving it was crazy because I had family dinners, friends calling me wanting to hang out, work and many other activities to take up my time.

Those are all good things but I kept myself so busy that I did not really spend a moment to look back and remind myself what I was thankful for in life.

With Christmas around the corner, I do not want to miss an opportunity to step back and see what this holiday is all about.

It is so easy for all of us to get bogged down with worrying about finals, trying to make some money or shopping for gifts that we lose sight of what Christmas is all about.

I know that almost all of us love to receive gifts for Christmas. It's fun to wake up on Christmas morning and see the gifts under the tree. Or it is fun to have someone you know show you that they care about you by getting you a gift.



BRAD CUSTIS  
Opinion Columnist

But at this time of year there are people who do not have someone to give him or her a gift.

Last year a group of us went Christmas caroling and we went to a nursing home in my hometown. We had an opportunity to go throughout the nursing home singing and talking to some of the people who cannot get out on their own.

We had a couple of kids with us who three or four years old.

As we were leaving the nursing home there was an elderly gentleman sitting at the window looking out into the distance. He looked pretty down.

As we were leaving, one of the kids went up to him and gave him a hug and wished him a merry Christmas. The elderly man's eyes welled up with tears and also wished the young child a merry Christmas.

The gift that the kid gave was not one that cost of lot of money. He gave the elderly man a gift that was so much more precious than money could buy.

For me the Christmas season means so much because it represents Christ's birth and how He came to earth to give all of us a special gift.

All of the gifts that my family and friends give me are great but the gift that Christ gave me is so much better.

Jesus gave me a friendship that is more precious than gold or silver. He paid my spiritual debts, sin, and truly showed me that it is more blessed to give than receive.

The cool thing is that he gave this gift to everyone. We choose on whether we want to receive it or to turn it down.

Throughout the rest of this Christmas season may all of us give gifts that are from the heart and realize that it truly is more blessed to give than to receive.

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## Today's movies are merely 'products' not worth buying

AT ISSUE: If today's movies are being bought and sold as "products," then they certainly aren't products good enough to warrant the attention they receive.

One day I was flipping through channels in a hopeless spree to find something to watch and I found myself captivated by C-SPAN (by the way, what does that even stand for? In 21 years of existence I have yet to find that out).

The reason I was watching a channel that is typically uncharacteristic of my usual viewing habits (suffice it to say, I watch a lot of Adult Swim) was that the Chairman and CEO of the Motion Picture Association of America, Mr. Daniel Glickman, was answering questions from the audience after he'd just given a speech. In response to a question, he kept referring to movies as "products" that are produced by the film industry and brought to audiences in the movie theaters.

To bring everyone up to speed, the Motion Picture Association of America oversees the entire movie industry and gives all the movies we see their ratings. Try to think of when you were sixteen and couldn't get into a movie — now you know who to blame.

Movies fascinate me, and have

JEFF LOMBARDI

Guest Columnist

had that effect since I was much smaller and slightly more annoying. In fact, I wish to make my own film someday.

To be honest, although I am an integrated language arts major, I am a film major at heart. They come in all shapes and sizes but they are all works of art — from P.T. Anderson's "Magnolia" to Kevin Smith's "Dogma" to John Woo's "Hard Boiled." It is a little disconcerting to me when the head of the organization that oversees the entire film industry refers to these great works of art as mere "products."

Let's take a step back and look at what we know as products. An umbrella is a product. A roll of tape is a product. That Pepsi-Cola-related bottle in your hand right now is a product. M&Ms, pens, flip-flops, Neosporin — these are all products. Now try to equate David Lynch's "Eraserhead" with the products I just listed. It doesn't fit, does it? Films are not products. People

"The industry is just shoving out movies that don't mean anything in order to sell their so-called 'products.'"

do not have discussions on what their favorite M&M is, and they certainly don't discuss different ways to think about Neosporin.

The idea that films are flat, everyday things bought and sold in the supermarket without second thought is devastating. This is why we get terrible movies like "White Chicks" and "Harold and Kumar Go to White Castle" — the industry is just shoving out movies that don't mean anything in order to sell their so-called "products."

So the next time you go to the theaters and watch the previews before the main feature, or see a preview on TV during a commercial while you are watching your favorite show, ask yourself this question: does this movie mean anything, or is it just another one of the film industry's "products?"

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# Library's hours inconsistent with rest of the campus

**AT ISSUE:** Most campus buildings stay open late on weekends, yet the Jerome Library closes too early.

In a moment of self-discovery, I decided to go to the library Saturday night. Actually, it was self-discovery in the sense that I wanted to discover whether I could get a paper finished at some time before 4 a.m. Monday; in other words, I wanted to do something without procrastinating for a change.

Anyhow, as I said, I went to the library and did some studying. Then I got hungry and left for some dinner. On coming back at 9:15, however, I found a hulking slab of dead building.

"Not a big deal," I thought. "Budget cutbacks make things rough, and it is Saturday, so the campus is pretty dead. I'll just go home to study."

That's where things got interesting. On the way to my car, I noticed that the rec center lights were still on. Now I've been meaning to get in shape, so I figured I'd find out what their pre-finals week hours were before they closed up for the night; that way, I could get some exercise after turning in the last of my class work. Turns out, I needn't have worried about getting to them before closing time.

They close at 11 on Saturdays. Feeling a little confused, I thanked the helpful desk lady for her information and left for my car. Driving through campus on the way home, I passed Chilly's convenience store (open 'til midnight), the Union (theater active 'til about 11 most weekends, Wendy's open 'til 3 a.m.), and a series of dorms (hive-conscious about 24/7, as most students know). It got me thinking: why am I here?

Why am I paying this university thousands of dollars per-year? I thought it was to use their teaching and research

**JEREMY BEVY**

Guest Columnist

resources, with the eventual goal of learning something.

'Guess not.

Despite the fact that dozens of off-campus locations do a much better (and cheaper) job in the entertainment and food departments, and despite the fact that anyone with a flight of stairs and a chin-up bar can roughly equivoicate the rec center's services for free, the University has graciously decided that I have paid them to feed me, entertain me, and "exercisify" me until I'm a pretty, blushing human package full of dining service food, positive endorphins, movie trivia and core values.

That's all fine (I'm happy to be pretty and blushing and endorphin-filled), but I'd like to occasionally cram some information in there. Unlike movies, pushups, basketball and tacos, which are available elsewhere, a lot of the books in Jerome Library are not to be found anywhere else within a twenty-mile radius. I'm not asking for a 24-hour library here folks (though a few universities have those); I just want to be able to read up on muscle structure while other folks are improving theirs.

The University's primary job is to let us learn. When it fulfills secondary functions without filling this primary need, it is cheating us, just as if it offered a bachelor's degree and granted a driving school certificate instead.

Ok, maybe not quite that bad, but you get the idea.

If you have a problem with this situation, go the USG office in room 404 of the Union and find out when the next meeting is.



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## Second-guessing Santa's good and bad list

**AT ISSUE:** Not all kids receive the same amount of presents, for reasons like money and spoiled parenting.

My car has heard nothing but rockin' Christmas oldies on 93.5 since Thanksgiving. Oh man, I love Christmas. It's my favorite holiday by far.

I love the multicolored lights brightening houses, the Christmas plays, the tender TV specials, the sacred nativity scenes, the good-natured snowmen, the carols, the presents, everything.

Well, I'd be lying if I said I liked everything. I can't help but be bothered by the way Christmas spirit can be portrayed. Here's an example: "You better not shout. You better not cry. You better not put; I'm telling you why: Santa Claus is coming to town."

I sang this song as a kid, but my adult mind can't seem to grasp how in the world Santa coming to town is supposed to be a good thing.

Think about it, "He sees you when you're sleeping. He knows when you're awake. He knows if you've been bad or good, so be good for goodness' sake!"

Santa Claus is a stalker. I mean, he's going to give kids nightmares!

How in the world can an over-weight, disturbingly old



**JESSICA FAUSNAUGH**

Opinion Columnist

man watching you non-stop from when you get into your jammies to when you brush your teeth in the morning be a good thing?

Remember when that shadow in the closet seemed like it had eyes? Oh, it did. It was just Santa checking to make sure your breathing was even. According to this song, "Santa" sounds more like the "Monster under the Bed" to me.

Let's be honest, "Santa Claus is coming to town" was written by over-worked, desperate parents who opted to transform the legendary, kindly Saint Nicholas into an all-knowing, all-seeing judge who rewards the good and punishes the bad.

In other words, the portrayed "true meaning of Christmas" is a straightforward form of bribing disobedient, naughty kids by threatening to take away their presents.

In reality, nothing works that way.

My mom, my sister and I were braving the Day-After-

Thanksgiving shopping spree in a department store a few weeks ago. In the changing room stall beside me, I overheard the most spoiled, selfish, hateful young teenager I had ever come across order her mom around and make demands.

Worst of all, as we checked out, there stood both mom and brat with everything she had asked for. If anyone deserved nothing but coal in her stockings, it was this girl.

On the other hand, there are many other families that can't afford long, expensive Christmas lists, whether their kids are good or not. How does the Santa reward system work then?

Besides, how does Santa decide who's on the naughty list and who isn't? Are we graded on a bell curve, with half good and half bad?

No one can be good all the time. We're human, so it doesn't work that way. We would need a "good the majority of the time" category, and "heart is in the right place" category.

If only a certain percentage get in, maybe we should all just spend more time compelling the "good kids" to do bad things to make our chances better. (Or

would that be bad?)

In my family, our parents tried to spend the same amount on me and my siblings, making sure we all opened the same number of presents, regardless if one's behavior was better than another's.

Why? My parents loved us all and chose not to show favoritism between us (and I readily admit that my sister should have gotten more than me).

In the same way, back when old Saint Nick was in business, he didn't follow kids around, take notes on their behavior, and then only give gifts to those who "deserved" them.

He donated gifts to every child because he loved children, he loved God, and he knew it was the kind thing to do.

In truth, none of us deserve gifts. Gifts are given to us because someone loves us and wants to make our day bright.

By now, most of us know that Santa doesn't bring presents — sorry, y'all — but there was one gift in particular that we all received on Christmas, which is why Christmas is so great.

That's the whole point.

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## OHIO FLOOD VICTIMS RECEIVING FEDERAL ASSISTANCE

AP—Many southeast Ohio residents are still living with friends and family or in temporary disaster relief housing two months after flooding from hurricanes Ivan and Frances. Relief workers say over 9,000 families applied for federal assistance last month, and many more affected families were ineligible for help.

## Sister of Cavs' owner helps art museums

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CLEVELAND—Wealthy parents were careful not to spoil Agnes Gund, the second of six children born to George Gund II and Jessica Roesler Gund.

As a child growing up in the 1940s and '50s, Gund said she was aware that her parents were generous when it came to paying for her education. But, otherwise, her parents were tightfisted.

"Boy, it was hard to get money," Gund said. "I used to have to borrow money from friends. We never went on yachts, never went on big, exotic vacations."

It was not until the death of her father, who made a fortune in banking, in 1966 that Gund began to understand the immensity of the family's wealth, which Forbes magazine estimates at more than \$1 billion.

"That's why some of us are more philanthropic," Gund said of her siblings, who include Gordon Gund, owner of the NBA's Cleveland Cavaliers. Gund left Cleveland as a 10th grader to attend a private school in Connecticut and has lived mostly in the Northeast since. But she has maintained close ties to her hometown while rising to the pinnacle of the art world.

As president of the Museum of Modern Art in New York from 1991 to 2002, she played a key role in the museum's recently completed and widely acclaimed expansion and renovation.

So far, the museum has raised \$725 million toward a capital campaign goal of \$858 million, half of which will cover the \$425 million expansion.

"She was a major force in raising the money that made this building possible,"

museum director Glenn Lowry said. "Aggie Gund for decades has been one of the strongest advocates of contemporary art anywhere in the world."

She is respected in New York for her keen eye as a collector, her generosity as a donor and her admiration for artists, who she loves to visit in their studios. Gund's master's degree in art history, which she earned at Harvard, gives her credibility with curators and artists.

Outside the museum, Gund is revered for having founded Studio in a School, a nonprofit organization whose mission is to recruit professional artists to teach in New York public schools. She started the program in 1977 after the city, strapped by a fiscal crisis, cut its art classes.

"Everybody should have art," she said. "I didn't think art was a frill. It can be as important for many children as reading or math."

Gund has quietly and steadily nurtured the Cleveland Museum of Art, nudging it toward a greater acceptance of contemporary art by donating important works and by hinting there might be more to come if the museum continues buying works of comparable quality.

In recent years, she donated large sculptures by Frank Stella and Martin Puryear and loaned 70 drawings from her collection for an exhibition.

Some have enough described her as generous to a fault. She admits that she once had to sell art from her collection to raise cash to meet a pledge in one instance.

"I want to help people, but I don't look back at my budget and say can I? I just say yes."



Will Shilling AP Photo

**PROTEST:** Melissa Hedden holds a sign during a rally to draw attention to irregularities and possible fraud in the way elections officials counted the votes that gave President Bush a slim victory at the Statehouse in Columbus, on Saturday Dec. 4.

## Ohio officials prepare for challenges as state finalizes election results

By Andrew Welsh-Huggins  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

COLUMBUS, Ohio—While the rest of the country focuses on Christmas shopping and NBA slugfests, Ohio still is trying to decide who was elected president.

Two major challenges are expected to unfold Monday even as the secretary of state was ready to certify the final results.

First, lawyers representing voters upset about problems at the ballot box Election Day plan to contest the results with the Ohio Supreme Court. They will cite documented cases of long lines, a shortage of machines and a pattern of problems in predominantly black neighborhoods.

In addition, third party candidates, bolstered by a favorable federal court ruling, plan to file requests for a recount in each of Ohio's 88 counties.

Observers don't give either effort much hope.

"It's an incredible long shot," said Steven Huefner, an Ohio State University law professor. "Courts are just incredibly reluctant to overturn the results of an election absent a really strong showing that something happened that affected the outcome."

The election hung on Ohio, a

battleground state prized for its 20 electoral votes. Not until the morning after the election did John Kerry, presented with the state's results, finally concede.

President Bush's 2 percentage point win over Kerry in Ohio was not enough to trigger an automatic recount, according to county-by-county results provided to The Associated Press on Friday.

About 400 people rallied at the Ohio Statehouse in Columbus on Saturday to demand a recount begin immediately and to point out Election Night irregularities they claim could have cost Kerry the election. On Sunday, Democrats trained coordinators to participate in recounts expected to begin later in the month.

"We should verify the accuracy of the vote and the process by which the vote was achieved," said Cliff Arnebeck, a Columbus lawyer working for the Massachusetts-based Alliance for Democracy. "Even if it's several million dollars, it's a minuscule investment to ensure the integrity of the process."

Arnebeck wants Chief Justice Thomas Moyer of the state Supreme Court to review evidence of election irregularities, an option allowed under state law. A ruling in favor of the challenge

could lead to a recount or even having the results set aside.

A ruling by U.S. District Court Judge Edmund Sargus Friday rejected Delaware County's attempt to stop a recount, avoiding a legal precedent that could have stopped other recounts. Green and Libertarian party candidates have already raised the required \$113,600.

While voters may prove there were problems Election Day, they'll be hard pressed to show they resulted in a different outcome, said Mark Weaver, an attorney representing the Ohio Republican Party.

"There's simply nothing in the election process that could possibly meet that standard, so the contest will fail like all the other legal maneuverings that failed," he said.

When the Ohio Supreme Court ruled against an Attorney General recount 14 years ago, it was divided evenly between Democrats and Republicans. Republicans control the court 6-1 today, but that shouldn't make a difference, said Jonathan Entin, a Case Western University law professor.

"If judges on the Ohio Supreme Court cannot decide political or election-related cases because they're selected through the political process, then how are we going to solve these problems?"

## Colleges encourage parental involvement

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

OXFORD—College campuses in Ohio are among those making sure that parents do not get left behind while their sons and daughters are away.

Miami University started a biweekly electronic newsletter this fall for parents of freshmen.

"I really view parents as partners in education," said Susan Mosley Howard, dean of students at Miami and the mother of two daughters at college. "We are parenting in a way that we've been much more involved in the academic and social experiences of our children."

A national group, Administrators Promoting Parent Involvement, has grown since its founding in 1998 to include more than 80 colleges and universities.

But there can be too much of a good thing, according to Helen Johnson, who managed parent programs at Cornell University and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She said some parents "can't let go." Johnson is now a consultant on parent relations and the co-author of a book on the subject.

The wave of Baby Boomers seems particularly susceptible to hyper-involvement, perhaps in part because many started families relatively late in life and they tend to have fewer children where they can focus their attention, Johnson said.

Johnson said such parents are savvy consumers who want the most for their money. Some feel that the world is more dangerous than when they were young.

Kris Stewart, assistant to the vice president for parent programs at Miami, said students seem comfortable with parents staying in touch.

Part of the university's job is to provide information, answer questions, soothe fears and help parents recognize when their sons and daughters have to handle things on their own, she said.

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Saturday

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Friday

Away against Michigan, 7:35 p.m.

Saturday

Home against Michigan, 7:05 p.m.

### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Friday

New Mexico Tournament against New Mexico, 10 p.m.

Saturday

New Mexico Tournament in Championship game, 10 p.m.

## BG SPORTS

### BRIEFING

#### Brandon takes a look at coaching UNLV

Bowling Green head football coach Gregg Brandon interviewed with the University of Nevada-Las Vegas Friday in consideration for their head coaching vacancy, according to the Toledo Blade.

Brandon said he was flattered by the offer but that he was not focused on new jobs, but rather coaching BG in a bowl game.

Shortly afterward, Brandon removed his name from consideration for the vacant coaching list.

## Ty too good to be great at ND



JASON DIXON

Senior Reporter

During Tyrone Willingham's brief tenure at Notre Dame, the university's first ever African-American head coach was good.

He was good for all three years.

Not consistently good, but good.

His players were good.

Always good in the classroom.

Sometimes good on the foot-

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## Hockey splits pair of games with Spartans

By Kevin Shields  
SENIOR REPORTER

The Bowling Green hockey team won their first game at Michigan State on Friday night since 1997 (2-1), but fell at home on Saturday (6-4) as they split their big Central Collegiate Hockey Association series with the Spartans.

Jordan Sigalet made 46 saves on 47 shots Friday night and his brother Jonathan scored the only two goals in the Falcons' 2-1 win. Derek Whitmore scored two goals on Saturday, but the Falcons playing without Jordan Sigalet, who was out with flu-like symptoms, couldn't slow down the Spartans and their defenseman Tyler Howells. Howells had a goal and two assists as the Spartans took advantage of Bob Frazee's first start of the year in net.

"It was a tough situation when we get word right before the game that Jordan's not going to play," head coach Scott Paluch said about his two goaltenders play on Saturday. "Bob Frazee has literally 15 minutes to get ready to get in there to play, he made some good saves. I thought Jonnie Horrell was really solid in the second period, he made some tough saves to have the game at 4-3 going into the third."

Jon Horrell played the second and third periods of Saturday's game after Frazee started the game giving up three goals on 11 shots.

But, the weekend began on Friday night though, as the Falcons went into Munn Ice Arena and stole their first win since 1997 when they won 1-0 on Dec. 7 in the second game of a two game series at MSU.

A second period power-play goal by Jonathan Sigalet with 59 seconds left in the period to make it 2-0 proved to be the game-winner. His hard wristed from the point beat MSU goaltender Dominic Vicari



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**UP THE ICE:** Bowling Green forward Derek Whitmore handles the puck against Lake Superior earlier this season. Whitmore scored two goals for the Falcons in their 6-4 loss Saturday night at the Ice Arena.

low off a setup from Jonathan Matsumoto, who won the face-off back to Sigalet.

Jordan Sigalet was big all night for BG and shut down 16 MSU shots in a scoreless first period that saw BG only get nine shots on net. His biggest save coming on a penalty shot by Jim Slater, one of the top forwards in the nation, where Sigalet stopped his shot on the left as Slater just skated in and took a hard wrist.

"We do a shootout every Thursday in practice and treated it just like one of those shots," he said about his save on the penalty shot. "He's a great player (Slater), one of the best in the nation and I was surprised that he just shot

the puck. He made a move on me when he came down on the breakaway and it was surprising to see him just take a shot on the penalty shot."

Following a stretch of play that saw his brother keeping the Falcons in it, Jonathan Sigalet finally put a tally on the board with a power-play goal with just 1:37 left in the period. He found a crease on the left side of the net and roofed his shot behind Vicari on a pass from James Unger behind the net. Don Morrison also picked up an assist on the goal to make it 1-0.

He would then strike again on the power-play just 38 seconds later for his game-winning goal.

MSU finally got a goal in with 9:02 left in the game on a tip in by Slater, but the Falcons held off a late 5-on-3 power-play by MSU to earn a big road victory.

"It was a game like a lot of CCHA games where it comes down to the stretch," Paluch said about the win. "We made enough of the plays down the stretch, whether it was clearing pucks, or killing off the 5-on-3 power-play to win a hockey game that Jordan gave us an opportunity to win."

"It's just what you have to do on the road sometimes," Jonathan Sigalet said about grinding out a win. "Their crowd was into it at the end trying to get them

## Sigalets brothers take it to Spartans

By Will Curitore  
SPORTS REPORTER

Even if the parents of Jordan and Jonathan Sigalet weren't in attendance for Friday night's game at Munn Arena, their two sons gave their parents reason to be proud.

Michigan State's hockey made it to the Midwest Regional of the CAA Tournament last season, losing as the third seed to second-seeded Minnesota-Duluth. They came into this season nationally ranked. The team has started the season 7-8-1, including last night's 6-4 victory against the Falcons at the BGSU Ice Arena.

Friday night's game was a different story for the Falcons. Most, if not all of that has to do with the Sigalet family, a family that has had obviously benefited the improvement of the Falcon Iceers.

For anyone who doesn't follow Falcon hockey, or hockey in general, there are two members of the Sigalet family on the Falcons. One is senior goalie Jordan. The other is his younger brother, sophomore defenseman Jonathan.

Jordan, one of the three Hobey Baker Award (top collegiate goaltender in nation) finalists, had his best game of the season Friday, racking up 46 saves on 47 Spartan shots on goal, including a penalty shot at 10:45 of the first period. The 47 saves also included 19 in the final frame alone. It was the second save on three penalty shots for the older Sigalet.

"It was one of the best performances that I've seen from him," BG head coach Scott Paluch said. "He worked real hard in practice this week and is a real team leader."

It wasn't only Paluch who was happy with Jordan's performance. Teammates like Derek Whitmore, who scored two of the four BG goals Saturday

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## Foster makes quick impact for BG

By Kevin Shields  
SENIOR REPORTER

He grew up taking lessons on playing the piano, and now, Alex Foster is creating music for the Bowling Green hockey team—while teaching their opponents some new chords of his own.

Foster, a Canton, Mich. native, is a freshman forward for the Falcons and has already tallied three goals with seven assists in his first season. His 10 points on the year is one of the best totals on the team as he's been part of a freshmen class that has taken the Central Collegiate Hockey Association by storm.

"He's off to very good start in his college career," head coach Scott Paluch said. "I think he has a lot of elements to his game: he skates well, he shoots the puck well, he knows the game and he has a great work ethic. He is constantly learning and trying to become a better player."

Coming into the season, the BG freshmen class was 14 on the list of top recruiting classes around the country according to Inside College Hockey, an ESPN.com associate website. Foster is one of eight freshmen on the team and was among the most sought after recruits of the bunch.

Other schools interested in Foster included: Providence, Vermont, Ferris State and Miami,

but Foster chose BG in the end.

"A combination of three or four things that I wanted in a school was all here at BG," Foster said. "The opportunity to play right away, being only an hour away from home after being away from home since I was 16 and being able to play in a great league made everything fall into place. I'm glad I'm here though and I love playing here."

Before coming to BG, Foster spent time in South Dakota and in Danville, Ill. playing on travel squads. He did this knowing that high school hockey in Michigan isn't looked at as a good way to develop into a Division One prospect, so he decided to play in the United States Hockey League.

While at Danville, he scored a total of 32 goals and had 48 assists in two seasons. Last season, he scored 23 goals and had 30 assists to finish tied for fourteenth on the final USHL scoring list. The Danville Wings went to the final four of the USHL playoffs.

In his first game for the Falcons, he tallied an assist in a 5-1 win at Union College in a series the Falcons would sweep to start the season. Then in a big series against rival CCHA opponent Notre Dame, he would register his first goal as a Falcon and recorded an assist in



BG News File Photo

**IMPACT:** Bowling Green's Alex Foster has become a big part of hockey in BG. This season he has 10 points as a freshman.

a 3-1 win at home.

Since that game four weeks ago, Foster has recorded two goals and two assists, including the game winner at Wayne State in 7-3 win.

"I would've liked to have done a little more as of now," Foster said on his play. "This start for me is all right, but I'd of liked to help out a little earlier in

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## Men's hoops wraps up third straight win

By Matt Hawkins  
SPORTS REPORTER

It took 48 years, but the Bowling Green basketball team finally got a win at Calihan Hall as they defeated Detroit-Mercy 59-53 Saturday.

Senior John Reimold led the way for the Falcons, draining six three-pointers on eight attempts for 28 points, two off his career high. He shot 10 of 13 overall carrying the Falcons to their first victory in Detroit since the 1956-57 season.

"Reimold was pretty darn good and really shot the ball well," Detroit head coach Perry Watson said. "They do a good job of getting him open and if they are allowed to move a hip, they'll do what they need to do to get him open."

After the Falcons jumped out to an early 11-4 lead, the Titans went on an 18-6 run giving them a 22-17 advantage with 5:16 left in the first half. But the Falcons stormed back with a 14-7 run, which gave them a 31-29 half-time lead.

The Falcons' momentum continued in the second half as Reimold nailed three from beyond the arc in less than four minutes, stretching the Falcons' lead to 42-33. The Falcons led by

13 with 9:16 remaining, but the Titans surged back, chipping the lead to four with seven seconds to go. But BG guard John Floyd sealed the victory in the final seconds with a pair of free throws.

The Falcons were held to just one field goal in the final nine minutes, which was also scored by Floyd. His lay up at the 3:30 mark came at a crucial time and stopped the 6-0 run.

"I thought the biggest play of the game for us late was John Floyd coming down the lane getting a lay up, making it a nine-point game," BG head coach Dan Dakich said. "We weren't scoring and they were taking time to score, so any points we could put on the board were big."

Forward Josh Almansan scored 10 points and grabbed five boards, while guard Steven Wright had eight points. Forward Mawel Soler also chipped in off the bench, scoring a career-high six points with three rebounds and a block.

"Mawel guarded and kind of keyed our defense a little bit," Dakich said. "I thought he was exceptional. This was obviously his best game."

James Thues led the Detroit offense with 14 points, while

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## BG hockey drops Saturday game to No. 19 Spartans

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going and they got the late goal to get the momentum, but we made to some big plays to win it tonight."

On Saturday, the Spartans seemed to be the team with all the momentum, as they grabbed a 4-1 lead with 5:13 left in the second period, which the Falcons couldn't come back from.

A power-play goal by Howells 41 seconds into the third period gave MSU a 5-3 lead and was the game-winner on the night.

It didn't take long for the Spartans to get to the new BG goaltender, Adam Nightingale scored on a shot from the left circle that bounced in off Frazee's left blocker to give MSU an early 1-0 lead. Howells picked up an assist on the play as Nightingale got his first goal of this season off a rush.

Falcons' forward Rich Meloche would tie the game up at 1-1 though at the 11:20 mark of the period on a 5-on-3 power-play to swing the momentum to the Falcons. A cross-ice pass from forward Brett Pilkington from the right circle found Meloche alone on the left who roofed a wrist-shot by Matt Migliaccio into the upper right corner.

Alex Foster also picked up an assist on the play as BG took advantage of a long power-play that saw them get two 5-on-3 opportunities.

MSU would grab the lead right back on the power-play just 1:49 later. Drew Miller netted his fifth goal of the season on a shot from the left circle on another Spartan rush that lead to a goal.

David Booth would add another power-play goal to make it 3-1 just 2:10 later, to give the Spartans a two goal cushion. Booth's slap-shot from the right circle found the right side of the net on a pass from Slater and Howells, who picked up his second assist of the night.

With 5:13 left in the second period, MSU would take a commanding three-goal lead at 4-1 on a goal by Kevin Estrada. Estrada stuck in a rebound on a shot by Jeff Dunne in-between the circles that beat Horrell.

Derek Whitmore would get the Falcons back in the game on two goals in the final five minutes of the period. The first goal came on a rebound at 15:59 from a shot by Pilkington and the second goal off another rebound with 55 seconds left from a shot by Foster. Pilkington and Foster traded assists on the two goals to bring the game to 4-3 entering the final period.

A penalty at the end of the second by BG defenseman Taylor Christie gave the Spartans a power-play to start the third.

Howells would then score his game-winner at the 41 second mark as his shot found the net from the top of the left circle.

MSU's final goal would come with 12:30 left in the game from Snaveley. His shot from between the circles found the net on the left to make it 6-3.

The Falcons would make one last attempt at a comeback on the power-play at the mid-point of the period. Michael Hodgson found the net from the left circle on a pass from Jonathan Sigale and Pilkington to make it 6-4.

Migliaccio would make some key saves down the stretch and 20 on the night, to shut the door on any attempt at a comeback for BG.

Horrell ended the game for BG with 24 saves on 27 shots.

MSU finished 3-of-8 on the power-play; 4-for-15 on the weekend, while BG went 2-of-9 and 4-of-19 on the weekend.

"I'm proud of the way our guys hung in there, but you got to give credit to Michigan State," BG coach Scott Paluch said on his team's play. "They made a lot of nice plays tonight and scored goals. We had other chances on the power-play besides or two goals, we moved the puck extremely well, but just couldn't get it by the goalie."

BG will play at Michigan on Friday as part of a home-and-home series with the Wolverines before heading to the Dartmouth tournament to finish the first half of the season.

## BG moves to 3-1 with win

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Ryvon Covile had 13 points, nine rebounds and three blocks. Zack Everingham and Torvoris Baker each added nine points for the Titans.

The Falcons are now 3-1 on the season, while the Titans record drops to 1-4. Despite their struggles, they are not a team to be considered lightly.

"Detroit is a great program, with a great coach, with a lot of prideful players," Dakich said. "We knew this would be an incredibly tough game for us. Fortunately we got hot at the right time and it held up."

After a 2-10 road record last season, the Falcons are now 1-1 on the road. Dakich likes the direction the team is headed in.

"I don't know if Bowling Green basketball is back," he said. "But I know the toughness is back



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**THE DEUCE:** BG's Josh Almanson shoots a jumper over a Bradley defender. Almanson and BG beat Detroit this past Saturday, 59-53.

and I'm proud of these guys."

The Falcons look to extend their three-game winning streak

when they host Div. III Bluffton on Wednesday at 7 p.m. at Anderson Arena.

## Older bro out with flu bug

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were also impressed.

"No one can replace Jordan Sigale. He is the backbone of this team."

Unfortunately, the Falcons did not have Jordan for Saturday's contest as a stomach flu, something that had only bothered him slightly during the week, ended up taking him out

of the lineup. He is currently listed as day-to-day.

"It was a tough situation," said Paluch. "We didn't know whether or not he would play until about 15 minutes before game time. (back-up goalie Bob) Frazee only had a few minutes to prepare."

On the offensive side of things, Jonathan Sigale made sure that the effort of his older brother

would not go to waste by scoring both Falcon goals Friday. Both scores came in the second period, exactly 38 seconds apart as they were both on the same power play. The Falcons have vastly improved on the power play, going 19 for 87. Jon, who led the Falcons in power play points last season (1 goal, 10 assists, 11 total points) now has three goals this season.

## Moya beats Roddick, Spain wins Cup

Victory puts the Spanish ahead 3-1 in match in France.

By Stephen Wade  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Spain won the Davis Cup title yesterday, taking an insurmountable lead against the United States when Carlos Moya beat Andy Roddick 6-2, 7-6 (1), 7-6 (5), the American star's second loss in the final.

Moya's decisive victory put the home country ahead 3-1 in the best-of-five series. The victory came before a sellout crowd of 27,200 that included Prince Felipe,

heir to the Spanish throne.

"The Davis Cup is my dream," Moya said. "I can't ask for more. There is nothing bigger than what I've lived today."

Mardy Fish of the United States beat Tommy Robredo 7-6 (8), 6-2 in an inconsequential fifth match, leaving Spain with a 3-2 decision. This was Spain's second Davis Cup championship; the Americans were shooting for their 32nd title but first since 1995.

Moya took the match when Roddick netted a backhand off the Spaniard's serve. Moya dropped to his back on the red clay, and Prince Felipe leaped from his chair with a two-

fisted salute. Moya raced over and reached up to shake the Prince's hand and the hand of his wife, Princess Letizia.

Roddick needed to win both his singles matches in this round for the Americans to have a chance. Instead, the No. 2 player in the world dropped both, losing in four sets Friday to 18-year-old Rafael Nadal. The United States won Saturday's doubles behind twins Mike and Bob Bryan.

"The bottom line is they were just better than us this weekend," Roddick said. "They came out, took care of business and they beat us. It's a simple as that."

Only one team has come back from trailing 2-0 in the Davis Cup

final — Australia in 1939 against the Americans.

Spain won its first Davis Cup four years ago in Barcelona over Australia. The win over the United States was Spain's 12th straight at home in Davis Cup play.

"This has been incredible — the moment I've been waiting for," said Moya, who missed Spain's first title in 2000 because of injury. "I've prepared myself for this day. I knew that playing on clay I would have my chances to win."

Moya, who had lost three times before to Roddick — it was their first match on clay — played



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**OUCH:** American tennis player Andy Roddick reacts during his final Davis Cup match against Carlos Moya yesterday.

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## Moya puts away Roddick in a hard-fought match

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the match of his life. His steady groundstrokes kept Roddick back, and he frequently mixed in a deft drop shot. When Roddick tried to come in, Moya lobbed shots over his head or passed him.

"Charlie played a great game," Spanish captain Jordi Arrese said, using Moya's nickname. "It was his opportunity and he hasn't let us down. He had lost three times to Roddick, and this was his day to beat him."

On the slow surface in Olympic Stadium, Roddick hit 12 aces and Moya had seven. But Roddick double-faulted six times to Moya's four in the 2-hour, 30-minute match.

Roddick was treated after the match for a slight injury to his right groin, picked up early in the second set when he slipped at the baseline.

"It's just tough because I felt like I was in it the whole time against one of the top three clay-courtiers in the world," Roddick said. "I had my chances and just didn't convert them."

Moya breezed through the first set in 36 minutes, breaking Roddick's powerful serve on his

*"It's just tough because I felt I was in it the whole time against one of the top three clay-courtiers in the world. I had my chances and just didn't convert them."*

ANDY RODDICK, U.S. TEAM

first two service games.

In the second set, Roddick broke Moya to lead 3-1. But the Spaniard broke right back, thanks to two double-faults by Roddick. Roddick had another break point in the eighth game but failed to convert.

In the tiebreaker, Roddick double-faulted as Moya pulled ahead 4-1. The Spaniard went up 5-1 when Roddick leaped high as another winning lob sailed over his head. Moya closed the tiebreaker when Roddick netted a backhand, ending the 59-minute set.

In the third set, Moya had a match point in the 10th game when Roddick double-faulted, but the American redeemed himself with an ace and took the game to make it 5-5. In the tiebreaker, Moya raced ahead 6-3, but Roddick took the next two points before Moya closed him out.

## South Bend: A place where good is not good enough

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ball field.

"From Sunday through Friday, our football program has exceeded all expectations, in every way," said Kevin White, Notre Dame's athletic director, in last Tuesday's press conference announcing the firing of Willingham. "The academic performance has never been better ... We're just not meeting competitive expectations on Saturday."

Nevertheless, they were still good.

Good with the media. Good in their own minds. Perhaps, good in their fans' hearts, too.

A bunch of good guys. Good grief.

The football program hadn't produced such upstanding gentlemen since good old Lou Holtz was roaming the sidelines in 1996—his last of 11 years at Notre Dame.

Willingham took great pride in producing good football players but most of all, good men and he made an art out of it, even going back to his seven-year stint at Stanford.

Starting 8-0 in his first season (2002) and finishing that year at 10-3 might be considered great, if it weren't so doggone good.

Check his overall record at Notre Dame and the numbers would look good anywhere else for anyone trying to rebuild a program: 21-15.

Willingham was the definition of good.

The embodiment of good. Good will be his legacy at Notre Dame.

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For his quarterback to deliver passes good, even if it's

grammatically incorrect.

Willingham's players embraced good.

The few alumni who wanted him at Notre Dame in the first place and his coaching staff even puffed out their chests with pride, because Willingham was promoted as, and expected to be a good guy with a "consistent, intense and stable approach to leadership."

It was part of his good track record as a football coach.

Willingham would rather lose with good guys than finish No. 1 every year with bad ones.

Good thing.

Because, good heavens, that's exactly what has happened.

As good as the Fighting Irish have performed at times this year, the end result could have never been great.

Great nearly superseded the good in Willingham and his team after wins over Michigan and Tennessee earlier this year, but it would not, it could not, happen.

Notre Dame didn't have the goods to finish better than 6-5 and avoid a 41-10 drubbing by the University of Southern California in the final game of the season.

Willingham did a good job coaching the team long before that loss.

He'll do a good job at his next stop.

Always good.

Forever good.

Only good.

Although, never good enough to satisfy the faithful in South Bend and wake up the echoes, as people at the university like to say in reference to re-living the football programs glorious past.

Good is a double-edged sword, then.

Good is better than crappy.

Good is preferable to being Western Michigan (1-10).

Good is worth hanging your

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hat on, if nothing better is in sight.

On the other hand, good will never be great, which is what Notre Dame wanted.

Their football coach to be great, not good.

Good will never reach for the stars.

It will not risk its goodness. Will not swap a chance at greatness because it puts good at great risk.

So, it settles for being good. Is satisfied with being good.

Helps student-athletes perform well in class, by being good.

Maybe Willingham was just too good for Notre Dame.

Too taken with, too fixated on, being good.

Maybe mediocre, mixed with an occasional great, would be better than just Willingham's incredible streak of good.

Is anyone sick and tired of good, good, good, good, good?

Willingham's three seasons of good coaching at Notre Dame

and 58 straight sentences without a break illustrate that

good is good for whom it's for,

but sometimes, especially at Notre Dame where they feel it's

an inalienable right to finish in the Top 10 every year, it just

might be too much of a good thing.

## Foster follows in footsteps of his former-NHL father

FOSTER, FROM PAGE 7

the season. Scoring goals and getting points for the team the past few seasons has been my role, so it's been a little frustrating for me, but when I'm not scoring I like to help out the team in any way I can."

His goal scoring skills and hard play may have been inherited through his father, Dwight Foster, who played in the National Hockey League for 10 seasons between 1977 and 1987. He was drafted by the Boston Bruins in the first round of the 1977 NHL Entry Draft as he went on to play four seasons with the Bruins before moving on to the old Colorado Rockies franchise before a brief stint in New Jersey and then to Detroit for four seasons.

"When I came to Detroit, the team was just starting to build up and develop," the elder Foster said. "We were just starting to improve, but by the time I was ready to go back to Boston, they hadn't quite gotten to the prestige and prominence that they have today with the Stanley Cup victories."

In his NHL career, Dwight Foster scored a total of 111 goals and had 163 assists for 274 points in 541 games. He retired in 1987 after having troubles

with his knees.

"I had too many knee operations and it was just time for me to move on, he said."

Being the son of an NHL player can make it hard for you to not get involved with hockey, but it was a choice that the elder Foster left open to his son.

"I introduced the game to all our kids," he said. "My oldest son never touched the ice, but Alex and Peter (Alex's younger brother) did. As long as they showed the effort and desire to play we would put effort into supporting it whether it was travel or juniors."

"Whether it's playing the piano or playing hockey I told them to do it to the best of their ability, he added."

Foster, took his dad's advice, but fell in love with hockey and used his dad's playing history as an ice-breaker in making friends.

"It's kind of an ice-breaker," Foster said. "People find that out and say, oh that's pretty cool, but other than just from a conversation standpoint it didn't really do much for me. He was always there for me though and supported me as long as I loved playing."

Coach Paluch can see a definite influence on Foster

from his dad and believes his hockey knowledge was passed on to Foster.

"I think he has inherited a lot of hockey knowledge from his dad and he has taken that and made the most of it," he said.

Dwight Foster's other son, Peter Foster, plays hockey for the Air Force Academy. Alex Foster's uncle Wes Jarvis was also an NHL player, who played for Washington, Minnesota, Los Angeles and Toronto.

Foster and his freshmen classmates played solid this past weekend, splitting a pair of games with Michigan State.

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# NATION

## Post: Friendly fire killed Tillman

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON—The last minutes of Pat Tillman's life were a horror of misdirected machine-gun fire and signals to firing colleagues that were misunderstood as hostile acts, according to an account of the death of the NFL player-turned-soldier published yesterday.

It took the Army a month to change the record to show that Tillman, the Arizona Cardinals defensive back who gave up a \$3.6 million contract to become an Army Ranger, was killed last April not by Afghan guerrillas but by his Ranger colleagues.

Even then, the statement by Lt. Gen. Philip R. Kensinger Jr., head of the Army's Special Operations Command, gave few specifics of the corporal's death.

The Washington Post, in the first article of a two-part series printed yesterday, published what it described as the first full telling of how and why Tillman died. The newspaper said it had access to "dozens of witness statements, e-mails, investigation findings, logbooks, maps and photographs."

A series of mishaps and missteps began the chain of events that resulted in Tillman's death in eastern Afghanistan, the newspaper said. A Humvee broke down, which led to the splitting up of his platoon.

The segment of the platoon with Tillman, Serial One, passed through a canyon and was near its north rim. The other segment, Serial Two, changed its plans because of poor roads and followed the same route into the canyon. It came under fire from Afghan Taliban fighters.

Men in Serial One heard an explosion that preceded the attack, and Tillman and two other fire team leaders were ordered to head toward the attackers, the Post said. The canyon's walls prevented them from radioing their positions to their colleagues, just as Serial Two had not radioed its change in plans.

Tillman's group moved toward the north-south ridge to face the canyon, and Tillman took another Ranger and an Afghan ally down the slope.

"As they pulled alongside

the ridge, the gunners poured an undisciplined barrage of hundreds of rounds into the area Tillman and other members of Serial One had taken up positions," the Post said. Army investigators concluded. Under fire, Tillman and almost a dozen others on the ridge "shouted, they waved their arms, and they screamed some more," the Post said.

"Then Tillman 'came up with the idea to let a smoke grenade go.' As its thick smoke unfurled, 'This stopped the friendly contact for a few moments,'" a Ranger was quoted as saying.

Assuming the friendly fire had stopped, the Ranger said, he and his comrades emerged and talked with each other, the Post reported.

"Suddenly, he saw the attacking Humvee move into 'a better position to fire on us.' He heard a new machine gun burst and hit the ground, praying, as Pat Tillman fell," the Post reported.

The Ranger said Tillman had repeatedly screamed out his name and shouted for the



ARMY CPL. PAT TILLMAN AP Photo

shooting to stop, the Post said. Early in the firing, the Post said, the driver of one of the Serial Two vehicles pulled out of the canyon and recognized the parked U.S. Army vehicles in front of him. "The driver shouted twice: 'We have friendlies on top!' ... Then he yelled several more times to cease fire, he recalled.

"No one heard me."

## Gay soldiers challenge 'don't ask don't tell' with lawsuit

By Nancy Zuckerbrod THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON—The Pentagon's "don't ask, don't tell" policy is being challenged by 12 gays who have been separated from the military because of their homosexuality.

They plan to file a federal lawsuit today in Boston that would cite last year's landmark Supreme Court ruling that overturned state laws making gay sex a crime as ground for overturning the policy.

Other courts have upheld the 11-year-old policy, but C. Dixon Osburn, executive director of Servicemembers Legal Defense Network, which is advising the plaintiffs, said those decisions came prior to the 2003 Supreme Court ruling.

"We think the gay ban can no longer survive constitutionally," he said.

Justin Peacock, a former Coast Guard boatswain's mate from Knoxville, Tenn., who is among the plaintiffs in the planned U.S. District Court lawsuit, was kicked out of the service after someone reported he was seen holding hands with another man.

"I would love to rejoin, but even if I don't get back in at least I could say I tried to get the policy changed," Peacock said.

Lt. Col. Joe Richard, a Pentagon spokesman, said officials have not seen the lawsuit and therefore could not comment on it.

"Don't ask, don't tell,"

put in place during the Clinton administration, allows gays and lesbians to serve in the military only if they keep quiet about their sexual orientation and abstain from homosexual activity. The Pentagon's previous policy barred homosexuals from military service.

The Supreme Court ruled last year that state laws making homosexual sex a crime were unconstitutional. That overturned an earlier Supreme Court ruling that had upheld sodomy laws.

Two other lawsuits challenging the policy have been filed since the high court's reversal.

One was brought in California by the Log Cabin Republicans, a political organization for gays. Osburn said that group could face a difficult fight because it was not bringing its suit on behalf of a specific injured party. He also noted a federal appeals court in California has upheld "don't ask, don't tell," but the appellate court for Boston has not ruled on the issue.

The other suit was filed in the U.S. Court of Federal Claims, which generally deals with cases that involve money. That plaintiff, who was separated from the Army, is seeking to recover his pension and is challenging the ban in the process. Osburn said the court might rule narrowly on the financial claim and not on the constitutionality of the gay members policy.

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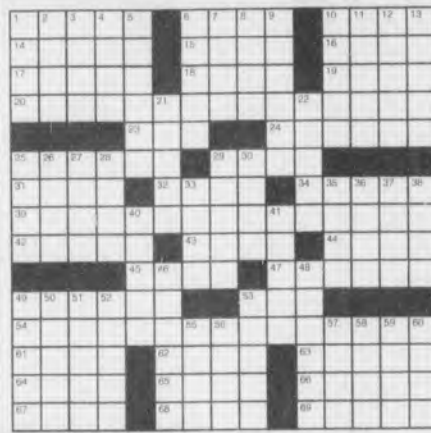
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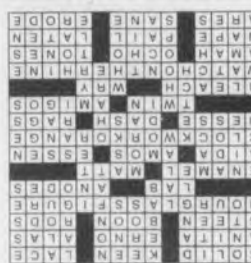
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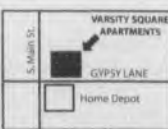
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